

## **Gross Reservoir**

### ***Background and Organization***

The *Gross Reservoir Hydroelectric Project (FERC NO. 2035-006)* has been developed to satisfy the requirements for a new license with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). This document also addresses needs specified in the *FERC Final Environmental Assessment for Hydropower License Volumes I and II*. Articles addressed in this document include:

401 and 405	Erosion Control and Rehabilitation and Restoration Plan
409	Signage and Gate Installation Plan
410	Plan to Protect Rare and Sensitive Plant Species
414	Visual Resource Protection Plan
416	Recreation Management Plan
417	Recreation Monitoring Plan
418	Safety and Law Enforcement Plan

In addition to the *Articles*, this document addresses the U.S. Forest Service's 4(e) Conditions including Conditions 104, 105, 106 and 107.

Initiated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission this plan provides the blueprint for the implementation of improvements required for the license of Gross Reservoir. To ensure that the professionals at FERC clearly understand how requirements are being addressed, the document has been organized by article, starting with Article 401. Each article stands alone and the reader will not need to refer to another section to obtain information related to a specific article. This involves some repetition of information, however, each article is self-contained. In addition, each requirement has been numbered and addressed in the order that they occur in the specific article. For example, often the requirements under a specific article are numbered. The response to those articles then corresponds to the order that the requirements were stated.

In addition, background and site specific conditions and recommendations were provided as needed under the articles to further explain and address FERC needs.

As outlined in the FERC Environmental Assessment for Hydropower License (2000), eleven sites were selected for future facility improvements and appropriate recreation use. Building upon recreation-related recommendations delineated in the assessment, Articles 401, 405, 414, and 417 further define management strategies and provide designs for recreation facilities and resource management. In general, improvements will provide parking, trailhead staging, picnicking, hiking, fishing, camping and non-motorized boating. Facility recommendations and recreational programming from earlier planning efforts were refined and revised as necessary.